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### NEWS RELEASE

Glenn T. Suddaby, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York announced today that an Ogdensburg attorney has pled guilty to fraud.

BRIAN K. GOOLDEN, 38, is a practicing attorney with offices at 214 Caroline Street, Ogdensburg, New York. GOOLDEN admitted in federal court in Syracuse today that he defrauded a 90 year old client who also was legally blind. GOOLDEN admitted that he drafted a Trust for this client in a fashion which provided GOOLDEN with unregulated control and unrestricted access to all Trust assets during the client's lifetime, including the right to take all of the Trust assets upon the client's death. Between November 28, 2005 and February 8, 2007, the defendant admitted that he misappropriated approximately \$97,739.62 from the Trust by characterizing his withdrawals as "loans". In addition, GOOLDEN admitted that he changed ownership of three of his client's mutual funds from his client's sole ownership to joint tenancy with the right of survivorship with GOOLDEN. There was approximately \$70,000 in these accounts at the time that the ownership change was made. GOOLDEN did not withdraw any money from these accounts.

Senior United States District Court Judge Frederick J. Scullin, Jr. scheduled sentencing for May 15, 2008 at 11:30 am in Syracuse. GOOLDEN faces a maximum penalty of 20 years

imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Edward R. Broton, who can be reached at 315-448-0672.